Minutes of the Hancock Conservation Commission – February 4, 2020

Members Present: Phil Brown (Chair), Jack McWhorter, J.P. Bernier, Roberta LaPlante

7:05 P.M.: Phil Brown called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Elmwood Junction: On April 5, at 9:00 a.m., Sigmund Winiecki will present his Eagle Scout Project to all members in the community. The Commission voted in November to contribute the amount of $1,000 toward the Elmwood Junction project.

Conservation Easement Monitoring: Brown informed the commission that all 2019 easement monitoring has been completed by the Harris Center as per our 2019 budget.

Wetland Permit: Don Scott, with LA Design, came forward to present a Wetland Permit by Notification to the commission. The request is for a utility crossing on a small stream on Map R-8, Lot 92, 95 Norway Hill Road. Bernier made the motion - 'To accept the Wetland Permit by Notification on Map R-8, Lot 92, presented by Don Scott, of LA Design, per the drawings presented to the commission; and giving Chair, Phil Brown, authority to sign on behalf of the commission.' All in favor.

Kepner Meadow Bridge Project: Brown gave the commission an update on the ongoing interest and initial discussions with the Hancock Elementary School on improving the foot path and bridge to access the Kepner Meadow. Possibilities for funding and volunteers for the project include, HES parents, Harris Center, Conservation Commission.

Roadside Cleanup Day April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: LaPlante will organize the event.

Town Report: Brown prepared the commission’s report for publication in the 2019 town annual report.

Member Requirement: Brown will reach out to the Planning Board for new commission member.

New Business: Brown informed the commission of several events of interest:
  ● Norway Pond Annual Symposium, February 29, Harris Center
  ● Valley Farm ‘Work Day’ March 21, 9:00 - 12:00.
  ● Saving Special Places Annual Conference April 4, Alton High School

Next Meeting: March 10

Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.